

REMARKS

The objection to the drawings is not understood. The reference numerals in Figures 2 and 4 point to the title of the software program, thereby indicating that it encompasses the entire program. This is consistent with widely used terminology and is no way confusing.

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.


The objections to claims 4-5 and 15-16 with respect to trigger expiration time have been completed. The proposed change to claims 5 and 16 seems to be confusing since it would use different terminology than what is used in the specification. Since the clause has not been used previously in the claim, the term "the" was changed to "a." Then there seems to be no need for any correlation.

With respect to the rejection under Section 102(e) over Blackketter, Blackketter never even mentions a trigger expiration time. The material in paragraph 9 talks about a trigger execution time. No trigger expiration time is ever discussed and no capability of accessing the trigger after it has expired is anywhere suggested. The material in paragraph 9 merely talks about executing the trigger at a specified execution time. It has nothing whatsoever to do with any trigger expiration time.

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1, its dependent claims, claim 12, its dependent claims, and claim 23 and its dependent claims, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 22, 2004



Timothy N. Trop, Reg. No. 28,994
TROP, PRUNER & HU, P.C.
8554 Katy Freeway, Ste. 100
Houston, TX 77024
713/468-8880 [Phone]
713/468-8883 [Fax]